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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please replace the following claims:

A1 Rebut B1

4. (Amended) A DNA encoding the protein or peptide of claim 1.

A2

Rebut B1

7. (Amended) A method of producing a protein or peptide comprising the steps of: cultivating the transformant of claim 6, and recovering the protein or peptide expressed therein.

8. (Amended) A method of screening for a compound that is capable of binding to the protein of claim 1, comprising the steps of:

- (a) exposing a test sample to the protein or peptide of claim 1, and
- (b) selecting the compound that binds to the protein or peptide of claim 1.

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